



**Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board
77 South High Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215**

Board Meeting Minutes of Friday, January 27, 2023

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Board President, Tammy H. Brown, held at 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, 31st Floor – West B & C.

Board Officers and Members – Roll Call:

Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, Audiology Board Member and Board President
Carrie L. Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, Audiology Board Member and Board Secretary

Steven M. Griffin, M.A., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Carol Hofbauer, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Nancy Mills, Au.D., Audiology Board Member

Also Present:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director
Connie J. Allen, Board Investigator
Crystal Richie, Principal Assistant Attorney General

Excused Absence:

Lisa Dodge Burton, Public Member
Timothy A. Cross, H.A.S., Hearing Aid Specialist Board Member
Michael R. Pratt, H.A.S., Hearing Aid Specialist Board Member
Stephen M. White, Esq. Public Member

AGENDA

The agenda for the January 27, 2023, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

Dr. Spangler moved to accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Hofbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 8, 2022 board meetings were reviewed.

Motion #2

Dr. Mills moved to accept/amend the minutes of the December 8, 2022 board meeting. Ms. Hofbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Tammy Brown thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She expressed appreciation for everyone's hard work and teamwork. She stated that the Board is looking forward to a productive year in 2023.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thornton submitted a written report of significant activities occurring since the last Board meeting. He provided updates regarding:

- Significant meetings, presentations, and events
- Legislative and media contacts
- Year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2023
- Significant legislation
- ASLP-IC Interstate Compact
- License renewal campaign
- Ohio Ethics Disclosure Statements
- Annual Report for 2022

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Assistant Attorney General Crystal Richie reported that there were no legal issues impacting the Board.

A. BOARD ACTIONS**New Cases**

There were no new cases presented for board action.

Previously Heard Cases

There were no previously heard cases presented to the Board for final action.

B. INVESTIGATIVE REPORT – Ms. Allen**Since the last Board Meeting December 8, 2022**

| | | |
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| OPENED Investigations | | 14 |
| CLOSED Investigations | | 18 |
| Current Open Investigations | | 92 |
| Of the Current Open Investigations | Consumer Complaints | 12 |
| | Referral Complaints: | 80 |
| | • SHP Licensure | 77 |
| | • Other Agencies | 0 |
| Current Open Cases Due to Monitoring | Consent Agreement(s) | 14 |
| | Non-reportable Consent(s) | 2 |
| | Adjudication Order(s) | 0 |
| | Referred to Prosecutor | 2 |

Investigative Categories of the Current Open Investigations

| | |
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| Application Requirements Not Met | 0 |
| Billing Fraud | 1 |
| Continuing Education Violation and/or Self Report | 61 |
| Conviction | 1 |
| False or Misleading Advertisement | 1 |
| Falsified/Misleading Application | 0 |
| Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice | 0 |
| Impaired Practice | 0 |
| Misrepresentation of Credentials | 0 |
| Practicing Under an Expired License and CE Violation | 1 |
| Practicing Under an Expired License and Supervision | 0 |
| Practicing Under an Expired License | 2 |
| Supervised Professional Experience Violations | 1 |
| Unlicensed Practice | 2 |
| Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct | 18 |

Sub-Categories – Unprofessional Conduct Investigations

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|---|---|
| Abandoned Employment without Referral | 1 |
| Documented Unrendered Services; Billing; IEP Minutes not Met | 4 |
| Failure to Disclose disciplinary action by Other Entity on original SHP application | 1 |
| Failure to follow appropriate hearing test procedures; Terminated | 1 |
| Hearing Aid and or Fee issues | 1 |
| Hearing Aids sold out of state but not licensed in that state | 1 |
| Inaccurate Documentation for non-clinical intervention | 1 |
| Violated Workplace Policy | 1 |
| Non-Parental Consent to Conduct Assessment | 1 |
| Terminated from Employment | 1 |
| Yes to Discipline since Last Renewal | 5 |

OTHER UPDATES since the last Board Meeting December 8, 2022

Other Information, Enforcement Activities and/or Outcome of some of the previously CLOSED cases:

Educational Letters 16 Continuing Education Violations
 1 Practice Under an Expired License 14 Days or Less

License Verification Letters 46

Scheduled Hearings

Currently there are no hearings scheduled for 2023.

Continuing Education Audit 2019 – 2020

In August 2021, 460 licensees with an active license status were audited for their 2019-20 CE hours (which was extended to July 1, 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic). The 460 comprise of ten percent audiologists, speech-language pathologists and hearing aid fitters, plus 17 prior

disciplinary action cases. 100% of audits have been reviewed to completeness. The board member audits are also complete.

| | Audited | Passed | Failed | Other |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Random AUD 10% | 51 | 38 | 13 | 0 |
| Random Fitters 10% | 28 | 23 | 4 | 1 |
| Random SLP 10% | 364 | 283 | 79 | 2 |
| Prior Board Action 1 AUD, 1 Fitter, 15 SLP | 17 | 16 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 460 | 360 | 97 | 3 |
| Board Members 3 AUD; 2 IL; 2 SLP | 7 | 7 | 0 | |

Note: For the three listed in the “Other” column, the Board received notification that the three licensees were deceased.

2023 Disciplinary Investigations Statistics to Date

Formal Actions Taken

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| Hearings | 0 |
| Adjudication Orders | 0 |
| Consent Agreements | 0 |
| Consent Agreements Non-Reportable | 0 |
| Consent Agreements Surrender of License | 0 |
| Referrals to Prosecutor | 0 |
| Referrals to Other Agencies | 0 |

Category of Formal Actions Taken

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|---|---|
| Application Requirements Not Met | 0 |
| Billing Fraud | 0 |
| Continuing Education Violation | 0 |
| Conviction – Disqualifying Offense | 0 |
| False or Misleading Advertisement | 0 |
| Falsified/Misleading Application | 0 |
| Illegal, Incompetent or Habitually Negligent Practice | 0 |
| Impaired Practice | 0 |
| Misrepresentation of Credentials | 0 |
| Practicing Under an Expired License and CE Violation | 0 |
| Practicing Under an Expired License and Supervision | 0 |
| Practicing Under Expired License | 0 |
| Supervised Professional Experience Violations | 0 |
| Unlicensed Practice | 0 |
| Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct | 0 |

LICENSURE REPORT – Carrie Spangler**Motion #3**

Dr. Spangler moved to ratify the Audiology, Hearing Aid Dealers, Hearing Aid Fitters, Hearing Aid Satellites, Conditional Speech-Language Pathology, Speech-Language Pathology, Aide, and Trainee Permit licenses granted by the Executive Director since the last Board Meeting. Dr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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| HAD.00137-SAT | 12/2/2022 | Melissa Anne Schnitzspahn |
| SP.15184 | 12/2/2022 | Gina Francesca Zingaro |
| SP.15185 | 12/2/2022 | Rachel N. Hoisington |
| HAD.00138-SAT | 12/5/2022 | Rebecca L. Belt |
| SP.15186 | 12/5/2022 | Lauren Collins |
| SP.15187 | 12/5/2022 | Kaitlin Marie Brest |
| SP.15188 | 12/5/2022 | Reilly Harrington |
| SP.15189 | 12/5/2022 | Brooke A. Walpole |
| TP.11331 | 12/5/2022 | Kelsey E. Ketteler |
| TP.11332 | 12/6/2022 | Kimberly A. Kennedy |
| COND.20222242-SP | 12/12/2022 | Noelle K. Brown |
| SP.15190 | 12/12/2022 | Kainon Funches |
| COND.20222243-SP | 12/14/2022 | Megan Mulvaney |
| SP.15191 | 12/14/2022 | Michelle Marie Class |
| SP.15192 | 12/14/2022 | Janet Antonese Carulli |
| SP.15193 | 12/14/2022 | Siva Priya Santhanam |
| SP.15194 | 12/14/2022 | Jesse Ann Haney |
| SP.15195 | 12/14/2022 | Sonovia Latoya McFall |
| TP.11333 | 12/14/2022 | Casey Daniel Fletcher |
| HAD.00139-SAT | 12/15/2022 | Rebecca L. Belt |
| HAD.00140-SAT | 12/15/2022 | Andrew S. Becker |
| HAD.03398 | 12/15/2022 | Julie Yeater |
| SP.15196 | 12/15/2022 | Erin Christine Andreani |
| SP.15197 | 12/15/2022 | Halle Stelbasky |
| SP.15198 | 12/15/2022 | Ava Louise Wilson |
| SP.15199 | 12/15/2022 | Kelsey Jones |
| COND.20222244-SP | 12/16/2022 | Abigail Joy Teske |
| SP.15200 | 12/16/2022 | Nicole M. Viola |
| SP.15201 | 12/16/2022 | Lauren Stewart |
| A.02423 | 12/19/2022 | Anna Martinha Braam |
| COND.20222245-SP | 12/19/2022 | Ashlynn Marie English |
| COND.20222246-SP | 12/19/2022 | Samantha Laine Zeno-Slutsky |
| COND.20222247-SP | 12/19/2022 | Sarah Busken |
| COND.20222248-SP | 12/19/2022 | Allison Marie Hughes |
| COND.20222249-SP | 12/19/2022 | Jordan Elizabeth Beese |
| COND.20222250-SP | 12/19/2022 | Brooke Finch |
| COND.20222251-SP | 12/19/2022 | Breece Reneay Rohr |
| COND.20222252-SP | 12/19/2022 | Emily Ryan Welsh |
| COND.20222253-SP | 12/19/2022 | Gina Imani |

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| COND.20222254-SP | 12/19/2022 | Hannah Lozier |
| COND.20222255-SP | 12/19/2022 | Kiara De Jesus |
| COND.20222256-SP | 12/19/2022 | Carly Link |
| COND.20222257-SP | 12/19/2022 | Lauren Collins |
| COND.20222258-SP | 12/20/2022 | Allison Christine Reece |
| HAD.00141-SAT | 12/20/2022 | Kathryn Mary Freeland |
| SP.15202 | 12/20/2022 | Erin Forward |
| SP.15203 | 12/20/2022 | Nina Pukys |
| COND.20222259-SP | 12/28/2022 | Kelly Harrington |
| SP.15204 | 12/28/2022 | Annelise Turner |
| AIDE.10159-A | 12/29/2022 | Madison Kurz |
| HAD.00142-SAT | 12/29/2022 | Kathryn Mary Freeland |
| SP.15205 | 12/29/2022 | Heather Andrews |
| SP.15206 | 12/29/2022 | Melissa Sechnick |
| SP.15207 | 12/29/2022 | Sarah Carolan Chilson |
| SP.15208 | 12/29/2022 | Rachel Keselring |
| SP.15209 | 12/29/2022 | Danielle Adsit |
| TP.11334 | 12/29/2022 | Maranda A. Parsons |
| COND.20222260-SP | 12/30/2022 | Holly Elizabeth Tvrdik |
| COND.20232261-SP | 1/3/2023 | Suzie An |
| SP.15210 | 1/4/2023 | Sarah Louise Radke |
| AIDE.10160-A | 1/5/2023 | Olivia Nicole Mains |
| COND.20232262-SP | 1/5/2023 | Olivia LoRè Graham |
| TP.11335 | 1/5/2023 | Amanda Rust |
| SP.15211 | 1/6/2023 | Anne K. Storrs |
| COND.20232263-SP | 1/11/2023 | Therese Cecilia Kremer |
| SP.15212 | 1/11/2023 | Amanda Marie Arnzen |
| COND.20232264-SP | 1/12/2023 | Sarah Gallo |
| SP.15213 | 1/12/2023 | Kayleigh Jean Watson |
| SP.15214 | 1/13/2023 | Carly J. Smith |
| SP.15215 | 1/13/2023 | Makaela Purcell |
| SP.15216 | 1/13/2023 | Haley Mackenzie Rankin-Baur |
| SP.15217 | 1/13/2023 | Melanie Mandak |
| SP.15218 | 1/13/2023 | Garrett John Holubeck |
| SP.15219 | 1/13/2023 | Brittany Bottmeyer |
| COND.20232265-SP | 1/18/2023 | Logan Eva Rathmann |
| COND.20232266-SP | 1/18/2023 | Megan Jane Flanigan |
| HAD.03399 | 1/18/2023 | Scott G. Beall |
| SP.15220 | 1/18/2023 | Reem Alnaasan |
| SP.15221 | 1/18/2023 | Anna Alexandra Okun |
| SP.15222 | 1/19/2023 | Blair Morgan Taylor |

Audiology Aides

Review Number: 01272023-01

Dr. Spangler reviewed an audiology aide application with a conviction that was disclosed by the applicant.

Motion #4

Dr. Spangler moved to approve the audiology aide application under Review Number 01272023-01 by offering a Consent Agreement to the applicant under the following terms and conditions:

The applicant must:

1. Abide by all laws and rules of the Board.
2. Report any change of employment to the Board before commencing new employment.
3. The audiology aide license will be specific to the employer listed on the approved Plan.
4. Before new employment commences, the applicant shall submit a new audiology aide Plan for approval by the Board prior to commencing any duties.
5. If the applicant applies for a new position with another employer as an audiology aide, the Board may contact the employer to verify that the applicant has fully disclosed their prior convictions.
6. If the applicant has violated any of the terms and conditions of the Consent Agreement, the applicant agrees that their audiology aide license shall be immediately revoked. Subsequent to the Board revoking the license, the Board shall issue the applicant a Notice of Opportunity For Hearing pursuant Chapter 119 of the Revised Code.
7. The applicant's license shall be placed on probation for the remaining 2023-2024 practice biennium. The probation period shall end on December 31, 2024 upon the applicant demonstrating compliance with all terms and conditions under the Consent Agreement.

Ms. Hofbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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| Speech-Language Pathology Aides |
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None

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| Licensure Applications |
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None

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| Special Applications |
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None

LICENSING SUMMARY

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| Audiology | 1,073 |
| Audiology Aide | 68 |
| Conditional Speech-Language Pathology | 379 |
| Dual – Audiology and Speech-Language | 23 |
| Hearing Aid Dealers | 188 |
| Hearing Aid Satellites | 355 |
| Hearing Aid Fitters | 374 |
| Inactive Audiology | 37 |
| Inactive Speech-Language Pathology | 246 |
| Speech-Language Pathology | 7,930 |
| Speech-Language Pathology Aide | 3 |
| Trainee Permit Holders | 58 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 10,734 |

The Board took a recess at 10:39 a.m. and returned to public session at 10:44 a.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

A. 2023 Strategic Plan of Work

The Board reviewed a draft of its strategic plan of work for 2023. The strategic plan of work identifies professional issues and priorities that the Board will focus on during the year.

CORRESPONDENCE

There is no board correspondence.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no members from the public or professional organizations in attendance.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no member concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.



Tammy H. Brown, Board President

Date: March 16, 2023



Carrie L. Spangler, Board Secretary

Date: March 16, 2023



Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date: March 16, 2023